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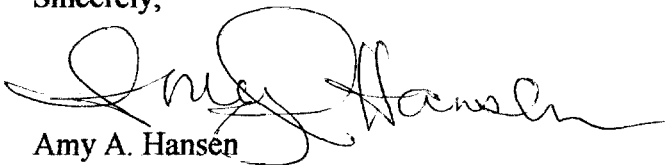
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To whom it may concern:

I support the recommendation by the Center for Science in the Public Interest regarding labeling of irradiated foods: "any foods containing ingredients that have been treated by irradiation should be labeled with a written statement on the principal display panel indicating such treatment." I also agree that the statement should be easy for consumers to read. Irradiation can change the texture, taste, storage characteristics, and MOST importantly, the nutrients of food.

If food irradiation is going to be continued to be allowed, which in my opinion it should NOT, we must at least make labeling irradiated foods MANDATORY. As consumers we have the right to know this information.

Sincerely,

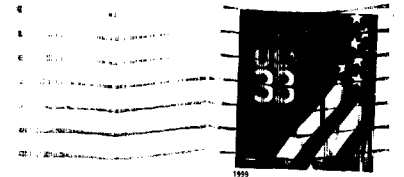
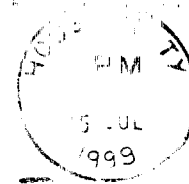


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